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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 49

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WORK IN COOPERATION WITH POTENTIAL LANDMARK SCHOOLS TO STUDY ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LANDMARK SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, it is in New Mexico's best interest to perpetuate its cultural and historic treasures through investment in their preservation and development; and

WHEREAS, one of our most valuable state treasures is the rich cultural background stemming from New Mexico's Indian tribes and pueblos and the interface of Indian people with people of other cultures over the years; and

WHEREAS, one way to recognize and support the ongoing contributions of these treasures to the state is to create "landmark schools"; and

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1 WHEREAS, the legislature proposes to authorize the creation
2 of "landmark schools" as evidence of their significant cultural
3 and historical contributions to the state; and

4 WHEREAS, landmark schools could develop enrichment
5 programs, including leadership development programs, to help
6 produce future tribal and state leadership and to assure quality
7 interaction between state and tribal officials to address and
8 resolve issues of mutual concern; and

9 WHEREAS, landmark school programs could include community-
10 based programs defining issues essential to the quality of life
11 on Indian reservations and pueblos, incorporating these issues
12 into science, math and technology curricula and further
13 developing native arts programs to teach both traditional and
14 contemporary art, thus assuring the continued development of
15 talented artists who can contribute to New Mexico's art-based
16 culture; and

17 WHEREAS, landmark schools could also provide language
18 instructional programs recognizing that native language is
19 essential to tribal, cultural and religious traditions; and

20 WHEREAS, landmark schools would support and enhance the
21 intergovernmental relationship between the state and tribal
22 governments, but implementation of landmark schools requires
23 that certain issues be identified and studied; and

24 WHEREAS, some of these issues include state and federal
25 funding issues; issues involving the relationships between a

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1 landmark school and the local school district in which it is
2 located, the state board of education and local school districts
3 from which the resident students come; issues involving academic
4 standards to be maintained; and issues involving the governing
5 structure of a landmark school;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it request the state department of
8 public education, the attorney general and the New Mexico office
9 of Indian affairs, in cooperation with any potential landmark
10 school, to work together to study the identified issues and any
11 other issues involved in the establishment of a landmark school;
12 and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these entities report to the
14 legislative education study committee and any other appropriate
15 interim committee on their recommendations regarding landmark
16 schools before the second session of the forty-third
17 legislature; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the director of the legislative education study
20 committee staff, the superintendent of public instruction, the
21 attorney general and the director of the New Mexico office of
22 Indian affairs.

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5 March 15, 1997
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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS.
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16 Respectfully submitted,
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21 Cynthia Nava, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Boitano, Duran, Gorham, Rawson

Absent: None

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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Mr. Speaker:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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**has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: Nicely, Trujillo, S.M Williams, W.C. Williams

Absent: None

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